

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Crops Improving From Drought

Data tables reflect the week ending: **July 15, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

| Crop | This Week | Last Week | 2011 | 5-Yr Avg. |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|
| | Percent | | | |
| Corn Silked | 99 | 97 | 92 | 94 |
| Corn Dough | 74 | 62 | 28 | 48 |
| Corn Dented | 44 | 27 | 6 | 16 |
| Corn Mature | 11 | N/A | 0 | 4 |
| Cotton Squaring | 91 | 87 | 47 | 72 |
| Cotton Setting Bolls | 39 | 25 | 22 | 30 |
| Peanuts Pegged | 68 | 60 | 24 | 32 |
| Soybeans Blooming | 70 | 39 | 27 | 38 |
| Soybeans Setting Pods | 30 | N/A | 2 | 9 |
| Winter Wheat Harvested | 100 | 100 | 100 | 87 |

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

| Crop | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Exc. |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|------|
| | Percent | | | | |
| Corn | 6 | 33 | 34 | 26 | 1 |
| Cotton | 6 | 11 | 64 | 19 | 0 |
| Peanuts | 0 | 1 | 34 | 65 | 0 |
| Soybeans | 5 | 11 | 63 | 21 | 0 |
| Winter Wheat | 0 | 3 | 27 | 59 | 11 |
| Livestock | 4 | 9 | 28 | 53 | 6 |
| Pasture & Range | 9 | 25 | 44 | 21 | 1 |

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

| | Days Suitable | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|----------------------|---------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| | | Percent | | | |
| District 10 | 3.0 | 0 | 10 | 59 | 31 |
| District 20 | 3.3 | 4 | 17 | 79 | 0 |
| District 30 | 4.9 | 1 | 48 | 49 | 3 |
| District 40 | 4.7 | 13 | 44 | 43 | 0 |
| District 50 | 5.9 | 17 | 41 | 42 | 0 |
| District 60 | 6.0 | 34 | 34 | 31 | 1 |
| State: Current Week | 4.4 | 10 | 27 | 54 | 9 |
| State: Previous Week | 6.6 | 28 | 54 | 18 | 0 |

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: According to Susan Minor, FSA CED, Morgan County received steady rain this past week; however, the rain could have come at a time that it will not help already burned crops. Donald

ACRONYMS: ACES – Alabama Cooperative Extension System; CEC – County Executive Coordinator; CED – County Executive Director; FSA – Farm Service Agency; PT – Program Technician; REA – Regional Extension Agent

Mann, FSA CED, said most of Jackson County received between two and four inches of rain last week. Henry Dorrough, ACES REA, confirmed scattered showers provided relief to many areas throughout Blount Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties, though rainfall amounts were far from adequate. Carol Gay, FSA CED, stated Clay and Randolph County received much needed scattered showers, but are still dry. Warren Griffith, ACES CEC, said Fayette County received significant amounts of rain on Thursday. Cindy Owens, FSA CED, reported scattered showers received in Fayette and Lamar County. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, said approximately two inches of rain is needed immediately in some areas of Clay, Cleburn, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, confirmed recent rains have been very scattered in Autauga County. Perry Woodruff, FSA CED, stated decent rain this past week, but some areas are still dry in Dallas and Lowndes County. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, reported not all areas received significant rainfall in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Marie Headley, FSA CED, said recent rain greatly improved some crops, pastures, and hay fields in Bibb and Perry County. Wyatt Hendry, FSA CED, stated scattered showers this past week helped crops recover from drought stress in Washington and Clarke County. Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT, reported crops in Conecuh County have improved due to recent scattered showers. Jennifer Stanley, FSA PT, said rainfall was received in Escambia County, although the County is currently below the average rainfall level. Donna Senn, FSA CED, stated rain is needed throughout Barbour County. Dorothy Chavers, FSA CED, confirmed much needed scattered showers throughout Crenshaw County.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED, reported late planted corn and soybeans setting pods in Marion and Winston County greatly benefited from the much needed rain. Also, Malone stated the cotton crop is looking better. According to Mann, rain received was too late for the corn crop, but it will assist the cotton and soybean crop. Smith said the rain did not help later planted corn, but cotton and soybeans were hanging on.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: According to Malone, recent rainfall has been great for pasture and hay fields, which are starting to grow again. Pastures and hay fields are recovering thanks to recent rain, said Donald Mann. Gay stated second cuttings of hay are slim to none, and hay value is questionable. Several livestock producers reported feeding hay, stated Smith. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said the much needed rain should help revive some pastures and hay fields in Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, stated pastures are recovering in Covington County due to recent rainfall.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, July 9, 2012, to
Sunday, July 15, 2012
(7 days)**

<http://www.sercc.com/perspectivesmap>

| Name | City | State | Average Mean Temperature Value (°F) | Total Precipitation Value (in.) |
|-------------------|---------------|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Anniston Metro Ap | Anniston | AL | 80.4 | 2.49 |
| Bessemer 3 Wsw | Bessemer | AL | 79.6 | 0.71 |
| Birmingham Area | Birmingham | AL | 80.7 | 1.04 |
| Huntsville Area | Huntsville | AL | 79.7 | 4.87 |
| Mobile Area | Mobile | AL | 79.9 | 1.61 |
| Montgomery Area | Montgomery | AL | 82.6 | 0.51 |
| Muscle Shoals Ap | Muscle Shoals | AL | 80.2 | 5.12 |

U.S. Drought Monitor, July 10, 2012

National Weather Service

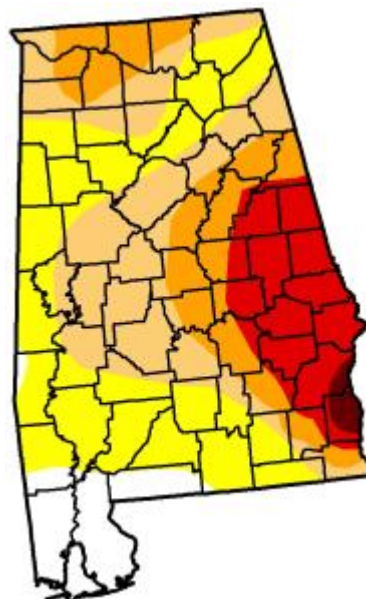
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Current | 8.36 | 91.64 | 58.88 | 31.53 | 15.65 | 1.08 |
| Last Week (07/03/2012 map) | 8.52 | 91.48 | 58.00 | 31.53 | 15.64 | 1.08 |
| 3 Months Ago (04/10/2012 map) | 52.26 | 47.74 | 32.96 | 24.67 | 17.67 | 2.76 |
| Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map) | 39.32 | 60.68 | 49.64 | 27.97 | 14.47 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map) | 52.55 | 47.45 | 39.68 | 29.11 | 14.38 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago (07/05/2011 map) | 10.16 | 89.84 | 57.16 | 41.92 | 23.88 | 10.45 |

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional



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